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Spanish & Portuguese Jews' Congregation,

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THE CENTENARY

OF

Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart.,

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DINNERS TO THE POOR.

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DEAR SIR,

Annexed I beg to hand you a Report of the Proceedings, together with a Balance Sheet of the Fund raised for giving Dinners to the Poor of the Spanish and Portuguese Congregation, in honor of the CENTENARY of Sir MOSES MONTEFIORE, Bart., to which you were kind enough to contribute.

The Mahamad have decided to hand over the surplus to the General Fund of the Board of Guardians, and hope that such decision will meet your approval.

Thanking you for having responded to the appeal,

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH DE CASTRO.

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Spanish & Portuguese Jews' Congregation,

LONDON.

DINNERS TO THE POOR.

The Mahamad, mindful of the unbounded charitable disposition of Sir Moses Montefiore, and his never-failing interest in the welfare of the poor, decided to commemorate the completion of the hundredth year of his life by giving dinners to all the poor, both old and young, registered on the books of the Board of Guardians of the Congregation. Funds being required to meet the expenses of an undertaking of such magnitude, it was resolved to issue a circular to the prominent members of the Congregation, and the Mahamad authorized their colleague, Mr. Joseph de Castro (who is President of the Board of Guardians) to sign the same on their behalf. They have the pleasure to record the liberal response with which they were met, and a sum of £210 16s. 0d. was the result of their appeal.

Monday (the day following the celebration in the Synagogue) was chosen for these festivities, and accord-

ingly, on that day, the children of our several Schools, the inmates of Beth Holim and the Buildings, and a large proportion of the poor on the register, were entertained as follows :—

Infant and Villa Real Schools.

The children attending these Schools dined in the afternoon on the School premises, and in the evening had a magic-lantern exhibition, and a distribution of toys and buns.

Shaaré Tikva School.

The boys of this School were entertained with a Tea, followed by a conjuror's performance.

Orphan School.

The boys in this Institution, having been allowed to participate in a treat at the Bayswater Jewish Schools which they regularly attend, were on a later day taken to a performance of the Christy Minstrels.

Beth Holim.

The inmates had an excellent dinner in the middle of the day, and a further entertainment in the evening was concluded with a display of fireworks.

The Buildings.

The occupants had an ample dinner with poultry, provided for them.

The General Poor.

The first difficulty to be overcome in arranging for the entertainment of so large a number of people, was that

of finding in the neighbourhood a building capable of holding them. No public hall existed suitable for the purpose, but at length a vacant warehouse in Tabernacle Street, Finsbury, was discovered, and on application being made to the owner, Mr. William Angus, that gentleman most courteously and generously placed it at the disposal of the Mahamad, free of charge. The Mahamad have the greater pleasure in recording this graceful act on the part of a stranger, bearing witness as it does to the widespread veneration with which Sir Moses Montefiore is regarded.

Having thus fortunately obtained a place admirably adapted for the accommodation of so large a number of people, the Mahamad employed Messrs. J. Defries & Sons to decorate the building, supply tables and chairs, &c., and they further arranged with Mr. Silver, of Gower Street, to provide an ample dinner, consisting of roast beef, corned beef, potatoes, plum pudding, beer, and an excellent dessert. Notices were posted in Bevis Marks and its neighbourhood, informing the poor of the intended Dinner, and directing them to apply to the Vestry for Tickets of Admission. Over 500 of the poor sat down to dinner, and before leaving every woman was presented with ½ lb. packet of tea, and every man with a 2 oz. packet of tobacco. Several of the ladies and gentlemen whose liberality had helped to provide the entertainment were present during the evening, and all were delighted with the pretty spectacle which the gaily decorated room presented, and were pleased to note the evident enjoyment by the poor of the good fare provided.

Grace was said by the Rev. D. Piza, and the health of Sir Moses was drunk with great enthusiasm. Other speeches followed; and Mr. Angus, the proprietor of the warehouse, was present, and replied in suitable terms to the toast of his health.

The above is an accurate account of the manner in which the Mahamad expended the money so liberally placed

at their disposal. The balance, £41 15s. 3d., remaining in hand after providing for everything, will be handed over to the General Fund of the Board of Guardians. A balance-sheet, giving all the details of the collection and expenditure, is annexed.

H. GUEDALLA, *President*,
L. ALLATINI,
A. I. MONTEFIORE,
JOSEPH DE CASTRO,
} *Wardens.*
JACOB N. CASTELLO, *Gabay.*

LIST OF DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Andrade, M. de Costa, Esq.	5	0	0
Allatini, L. Esq.	5	0	0
Abecasis, Aaron, Esq.	3	0	0
Arbib, Enrico, Esq.	5	0	0
Arbib, Eugenio, Esq.	5	0	0
Avigdor, Elim H. d', Esq.	2	2	0
A——, L.	0	10	0
Brandon, Gabriel S., Esq., ...	2	2	0
Benoliel, Moses, Esq.	3	0	0
Benham, Mrs. Rachel, ...	5	0	0
B——, J.	0	10	0
Castro, J. de, Esq.	5	0	0
Castello, J. N., Esq....	5	0	0
Castello, Mrs. Daniel (in memory of her husband)	5	0	0
Carvalho, S. N., jun., Esq.	2	0	0
Cohen, Mrs. Henry L.	2	2	0
Carvalho, Isaac, Esq.	1	0	0
Castello, Manuel, Esq.	5	0	0
Castello, Master Leon Benham	1	0	0
Cohen, Frederick S., Esq.	1	1	0
Cohen, Solomon, Esq.	1	1	0
Carvalho, R. N., Esq.	1	0	0
De Pass, David, Esq.	5	0	0
De Pass, Daniel, Esq.	5	0	0
De Pass, John, Esq.	1	1	0
De Pass, Mrs. Michael	1	1	0
De Pass, Abraham D., Esq, ...	2	2	0
De Pass, Mrs. Alfred	2	2	0
De Pass, Elias, Esq.	1	0	0
Carried forward	£82	14	0

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	82	14	0
Foligno, Edward, Esq.	2	2	0
Guedalla, H., Esq.	5	0	0
Goldsmith, P. B., Esq.	2	0	0
Halford, F. B., Esq....	2	2	0
Heilbut, R. S., Esq.	5	0	0
Lindo, Gabriel, Esq	3	0	0
Lindo, Charles, Esq....	5	0	0
Lindo, the Misses Leonora and Emma	1	1	0
Lindo, Daniel, Esq.	5	0	0
Lindo, Miss Miriam	1	1	0
Lindo, Miss Leah	1	1	0
Lindo, J. N., Esq.	3	0	0
Lindo, Nethaneel, Esq.	1	0	0
Levy, M. de J., Esq.	5	0	0
Laurence, J. M., Esq.	1	1	0
Montefiore, Claude G., Esq.	5	0	0
Montefiore, Francis A., Esq.	5	0	0
Montefiore, Edward M., Esq.	5	0	0
Montefiore, Mrs. J. M.	5	0	0
Montefiore, Alexander I., Esq.	5	0	0
Mocatta, Abraham, Esq.	5	0	0
Mocatta, Isaac, Esq.	5	0	0
Montefiore, Jacob, Esq.	5	0	0
Montefiore, Mrs. Nathaniel	5	0	0
Montefiore, Joseph B., Esq.	1	1	0
Nahon, Mr. and Mrs. Judah	5	0	0
Pariente, Isaac, Esq.	5	0	0
Pinto, H. Esq.	5	0	0
Pinto, Jacob, Esq.	1	1	0
Paiba, John P., Esq.	2	2	0
Sebag, Joseph, Esq....	5	0	0
Sebag, A. Montefiore, Esq.	5	0	0
Sassoon, Messrs. D. & Co.	10	10	0
Samuda, The Misses	1	0	0
	£210	16	0

BALANCE SHEET.

Dr.				Cr.		
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Donations, as per list	210	16	0	By Paid—			
				Dinner & Treat, Infant & Villa Real Schools	9	17	3
				Tea and Treat, Shaaré-Tikva School ...	7	12	0
				Dinner in Beth Holim	8	5	6
				Dinner, Inmates of Buildings	3	0	0
				Treat, Orphan School	0	15	0
				M. Silver	66	5	0
				J. Defries and Sons	41	10	0
				Tobacco	5	6	3
				Tea	12	9	0
				Gratuities to Workmen	3	12	6
				Policemen	1	15	0
				18 School Girls prevented attending Synagogue	0	18	0
				Postage, Sundries, &c.	1	2	6
				Printing	6	12	9
				Balance	41	15	3
	£210	16	0		£210	16	0

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